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1/9/72

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for sending on the reprint of your article. After reading it, I got to wondering, and still am, if the English, goldsmith receipts didn't predate our earliest (1690) currency. Frankly, I don't know, and am much too busy to try to check on it, but, I'm sure that you'll know. I also noted that you omitted the Delaware 1729 issue as we discussed some time ago. It was my suggestion to Herb Bergen to use the original designs of the Continental half dollar for the 1976 commemorative 50¢ note. Has there been any progress on that? You were supposed to look up the serial number of that 1734x N.H. 7Sh. note from the Budde sale, and compare it to the one recently offered. Any results on that? Are you ever going to get your duplicate coins together for a trade? If you'd rather not do it, please let me know. I won't feel badly, but will then take the material that I have aside, and get it back into stock. I don't recall everything that I have in that group, but I do remember the Continental dollar, 1-B in pewter, and the 1724 Rosa 2d. Back to the article, I noticed that the complete issue contained an article on Samuel Hopkins. Is that the same Hopkins who signed some Colonial notes? If so, I'd appreciate your efforts in getting me a copy of that article too. Meanwhile, I see that I didn't mention that yours was very interesting, and it will hold a respected place with the other stuff that 'clutters up' my library. Happy New Year.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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~~2/3/72~~ 2/3/72

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you. If you're successful, I'd appreciate getting a copy of that letter that we discussed. Meanwhile, if you have any left, I'd appreciate a few copies of the reprint of the 1/24th real article from the ANS Museum notes, XI 1964 as well as the original from the July 1955 Numismatist. The copies that I have of each of these are pretty shopworn already, and I just had a request from one of my customers for them. I called ANS, but they only sell the entire book, and I don't think that the ANA ever had this article for sale in reprint form. Please excuse the haste. If you're able to talk the company into sending you to LA Feb 24th-27th, I'll be there at the Convention at the Statler Hilton, and maybe we can find some time to sit down and talk about various things. Just heard of another robbery in Boston, and a Boston dealer was caught with the stuff and he and his wife were picked up. Also a NY dealer caught selling medals stolen from Medallic Art, and a NJ dealer picked up for killing or trying to kill and FBI man. They're probably all members in good standing of our most astute organizations. Are the people in the shoe business better? Maybe I'm better off selling shoes!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

February 16, 1972

Dear Dick,

I do not have extra copies of the supplement to First Documentary Evidence on the American Colonial Pewter 1/24th Real.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

Richard Picker

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3/14/72

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the copy of R.A.'s letter. I can't see any importance to it. It seems like he's just on a fishing expedition. I knew that he got the 19-SS, as he showed me that one at the Hartford convention when he had just purchased it from Whiteneck's table. That's the one that I asked to borrow, so that I could show to people who examined my coins at the convention, and who hopefully might have recognized. But, he ~~xx~~ refused to lend it to me. I expect to see some other coins that Whiteneck sold, that sound suspiciously like some of mine, but until I see them I can't be sure. Meanwhile, I'd appreciate it very much if you'd put a little effort into getting me prints of your NE VI. This could prove to be very helpful. Also, I hope that in the near future, you'll put some time into going over some of my past mail, and answering some of my questions. Frankly, I don't know what they are anymore, so when you do this, please be specific. I also have that N.Y. note, as well as several coins aside for possible trade, and would like to see you put a little time in at your vault, and dig out some suitable trading material. Somewhere along the line, I sent you a list of the things I had aside for you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Did you hear from Mrs. Crary?

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4/12/72

Dear Eric:

Enclosed is a photo-copy of a note that I just sold. I couldn't make out the monogram, even though it should be FB according to the book, since it's printed in black. Is it that, or something new? Am I going to get prints of your NE VI? Am I going to get any mail from you? Are you afraid to correspond with me because I'm suing ANA? Or, are you just selling a lot of shoes?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

FORM #105

May 2, 1972

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Delighted to talk to you. Glad your suit is proceeding. Good luck!

Enclosed are pictures of the New England shilling, as you requested.

Your North Carolina 1776 fractional is as listed.

I want to know if the South Carolina partial sheet is cut along its left edge, as I am not sure if there were 8 on a sheet or 4 on a sheet.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 9, 1972

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

The South Carolina sheet matter is cleared up. The face and the back are printed on the same surface for four denominations and then the sheet is flipped. My notes record a horizontal pair which proves this as well as the other sheets listed in the book.

Thank you, very much, for your contribution to culture.

Sincerely yours,

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8/4/72

Dear Eric:

This should keep you busy for a while. The small photos are of Craige's collection, and the large ones are the ones from Vlack's collection that are better than C. These photos are labelled according to the existing numbers. He plans to change the numbers as noted on the chart. These photos are only for identification, and are not the ones that will necessarily be used to make the plate. After you've checked these photos with the chart, and your coins, please send my whatever of your coins will improve the ones that we propose to use, plus those that you have that we lack, in addition to any others that you might have, of which we are not aware. As soon as I have your coins, I'll call Vlack, and he'll send me those of his that we need, and I'll have the photos taken, and return all coins. Craige's son has excellent photo equipment, and really knows what he's doing, and I know will do a good job. I hope that you have the coins that are shown being owned only by August, because he will not lend his coins. Vlack thinks that he'll allow him to photograph them, and though he'll make them 1 to 1, they will still not be as sharp as Craige's work. Also please send your recommendations and suggestions as

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to the plate layout. The only suggestion that I can make is that since there is known a 1787 Conn. G.1 and G.2, we might expect to find both in this MM series as well. It wouldn't be a good idea to show the photos of both, since that would lead people to believe that it does exist. I suggested that when we do the plate, we leave a blank circle near #13. Then, if it's subsequently discovered, we'll shoot it, and make enough prints to distribute to each owner of the plates, and it can be pasted in. Vlack thinks this is a good idea. Do you? Also what just occured to me is that the new numbers are somewhat unweildy using Conn., Vt., etc. I think that new numbers and letters be assigned to these pieces, and then the notation as to what series # it ~~carries~~ carries. For instance what he now proposes for the new # 9-N.Y. Lib would be 9-X and under it in ( ) could be (N.Y. Lib) It would make it easier for reference, and in time we'd all know that X is N.Y. lib. If we run out of letters we could go to AA etc. I haven't mentioned this to Vlack yet, but what do you think? I hope that you can do all this before you leave for ANA, and get it in the mail to me. In that way I'll find it awaiting my return, and will get on it immediately. Please be sure to return all of these photos, along with the charts. If you'll want a record of Craige's collection, I'll get another set for you. If there are any questions, please call me. I leave for N.O. on the 13th. I'll be looking forward to seeing you there.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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P.S. Though it may be wishful thinking on my part, since you'll be working with coins, perhaps you'll dig out your duplicates, and bring them with you to N.O., and I'll bring my prospective trades as well as that N.Y. note. That's something that I'll really appreciate. I have practically no really good things left. If you can do this, give me a call, so I'll know to bring my stuff.

R

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8/23/72

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you. Perhaps that fellow can be expelled by virtue of his having been expelled by ANA. Anyway, here's that note we discussed. Also, the list of items that I have aside for you. In addition, I have the Albany Church Penny. Please don't sit on those Machins pieces. You can have your discussions with Vlack about the numbering system and other things later, but I do want to get started with the photography as soon as possible. Let me have the photos back, along with whatever coins will add or improve, and I'll get that work done. Then you can set up the plate and number any way you want. I'll have your coins back in the mail to you within a few days after I receive them. It's just a question of shooting them, and developing to see that they come out OK, and if not, doing them over until they do. Regarding this list, please return it to me after you've crossed out any items that wouldn't interest you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. EPMA P. 162 SIGNER LS:
ANDREW WIGGIN

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DATE 8/23/72

№ 8425

Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis Mo 63178

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	Penna 3/10/64 10 Sh. (Plate 'B')	coins	55		

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 6, 1972

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Enclosed are the twenty-nine (29) counterfeit halfpence listed on the schedule enclosed in my letter of August 27, 1972. I am sure you will take good care of them.

If you decide not to photograph some of them there will be no hard feelings.

Your modifications of my modification of the die designations appeals to me.

Happy Holiday,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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DATE 9/11/72 **№ 8443**

Tom McAfee
2300 B Aloma Ave
Winter Park, Fla 32789

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1776 Cont. Dollar N. 1'-C Pewter		2000	—		

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9/16/72

Dear Eric:

Under separate cover, a Continental Dollar is being shipped to you from Florida. When you're finished with it, please return it to me via registered mail, insured for $2000. (air Mail). Sufficient postage is enclosed. The situation is very involved, and too long to go into at this time, but, I'll tell you about it when we speak. Frankly, I have serious doubts about its genuineness, but, I've been wrong on several occasions as you well know. The edge was somewhat damaged when being removed from a plastic holder. If it's genuine, there's no problem, but, if it isn't I'd appreciate it very much if you would check your records to determine whether or not you've seen this piece previously, and if so when, and from whom. I sent that M/N silver 'nimbus' piece to Goodyear Radiation Labs, and it was just returned with a good bill of health. I think that's a major discovery. In addition to SpG, they gave it X-Ray difraction, along with a known genuine M/N silver piece without the nimbus. Your coins are still here, waiting for Craige to find the time to take the photos. He's starting a new business on his own, and is kept very busy. The Continental Dollar is a rush job. As soon as you've finished your investigation of it, I'd appreciate it very much if you would call me with the results. It' supposed to be shipped to you Monday, and you should have it by about Wed. Happy New Year to you, Evelyn and the Family.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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9/19/72

Dear Eric:

Enclosed are photos, which you may keep if you wish, of the Nimbus piece. Also enclosed are the results of the tests made at Goodyear. Based on these, as well as your examination of the piece at the ANA convention, would you be willing to write a letter of authentication on your Foundation stationery? I don't know whether ~~xfxIx~~ or not I told you, and I don't think that it would make any difference in your opinion, but, for what it's worth, I showed it to George Fuld and Walter Breen, and they both thought it was good. If you feel that it's necessary to re-examine the coin before you come to a definite decision, let me know, and I'll send it on to you, but, if it isn't necessary, I'd rather not entrust anything like that to the mails. Lately they've been very unreliable. On the 11th I sent a registered air mail package ~~XXX~~ ($2,000.) to Florida, and it didn't arrive until the 16th. That's the Continental Dollar that you should have by this time. I hope!! In any event, I'd like all of the enclosed material returned. When I sent the Nimbus piece to Goodyear, I sent them a known genuine St. Pat $\frac{1}{4}$d in silver (not nimbus) for comparative study. That's the other piece mentioned. The numbers refer to my inventory #s. The prospective purchaser of this coin would like some indication other than my guarantee, that the piece is OK. I called Charlie Hoskins and he told me that there are no other tests that he could make that would be any more conclusive. He did think that X-Ray fluorescence is better than Diffraction, but, after discussing that with him, all that it would do

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would give metal analysis, and would not prove ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ whether or not it was a cast. Also, since that is only a surface testing, if they received a very heavily plated piece, ~~xxxxx~~ their results would only show the analysis of the plating. The SpG in this case already covers that possibility. He also told me that when it comes to these early pieces, ~~x~~ in addition to testing, since they're not that familiar with them, they'd have to rely upon visual examination of experts in the field, and you'd be the prime choice. So.....

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. 'Hank', who wrote the letter, Is Dr. Henry A. Pace, their plastics research director, who is my friend, and who is the person who once removed plastic film from a note for you. Thudium is not a chemical, but the name of the man who did the actual testing.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 21, 1972

Mr. Richard Picker
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Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

In New Orleans, in August, 1972 you asked me to examine a St. Patrick Farthing, in silver, with the nimbus next to St. Patrick's head. The coin had no pedigree and you purchased it at the convention. It showed substantial wear.

Although we have never seen the Johns Hopkins specimen, we have examined many silver St. Patrick pieces of several varieties and the Boyd example in gold. I have written an article on counterfeit copper St. Patrick pieces and have checked the background of another alleged example in gold.

The new nimbus piece has a notched edge, as is normal. It shows no cast texture. It is our opinion that the coin is genuine and an excessively rare variety of that Irish coinage.

I have examined the X-ray phosphorescence data which you obtained and find it to be in confirmation of our opinion.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

We were sent, from Mr. McAfee, of Winter Park, Florida, for examination, a Continental Curency Dollar variety 1 (1)-(C). It weighs 263 grains and has a specific gravity of 7.3. Both of these measurements are normal. The coin rings well and has virtually no wear on its faces. If the obverse is turned on its verticle axis the reverse is 30 degrees clockwise. This is not customary. The color is good except for what appears to be a burned area involving the Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina rings as well as much of the reverse perimeter.

The edge is very unnatural in that the foliated design is to some extent next to the obverse space but to no extent is it next to the reverse space. There is a division line or joint running around the central part of the edge. There is substantial edge irregularity not caused by edge damage but by tampering. It appears that the coin could have been made out of two joined faces but actually I believe the coin was cast using two joined molds and the joint between those molds was tooled after casting.

There are other unusual defects on the coin which are not found on genuine pieces such as:

1. There is an unnatural heavy lump on top of the lower part of E in CURENCY.

2. There is a raised obverse break from the edge to the second T across the rays near the sun to the left end of the ground line then over to the left side of the U up the right side of the O to the top of O and then to the edge. There are large lumps along the break, particularly a circular one under the T.

3. There is a die break on the reverse from the O in ONE to the E of ARE.

4. The faces are very lumpy throughout.

In our opinion this coin is not genuine although it has as nice a general appearance as any genuine pieces have. The edge situation, the

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burned areas, the unnatural die breaks caused by defective molds, and the substantial differential between the face wear and the edge wear all lead to this conclusion. This is not newly made as the obverse coloring has a very natural look.

We have not made a metal examination but assume that this may show the material used to be normal. Unfortunately tin with certain natural adulterations can be readily matched in casting materials.

We hope we have been of service and if there are any factors which should be pointed out to us we will be glad to reconsider.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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P. S. The coin is enclosed herewith.

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9/27/72

Dear Bob:

Here are the coins. Please call me ~~after you~~ when you receive them, so we can figure out the best way to get them back. I leave here Wed Afternoon about 3PM the 4th. Note that EPNs coins are all in long envelopes, except 2, the possible cast, and the Conn with Betts 8 rev, and these are marked EPN. In addition to many other markings, Craige's have small red numbers that correspond to the enclosed list. Also, one of mine, a 3-C which I just purchased, and I think is better than Craige's. I know you're careful, but, PLEASE don't get any mixed up. Craige's are to be returned to me, and you can keep EPNs for study, and return directly to him when you're finished. We can discuss other things after this rush is over.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Bob Vlack file

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DATE 9/27/72 **Nº 8456**

Robert J Black

Le Perle Ave

Plaistow N.H. 03865

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
29	Machins Mills Prop. Eric P Newman		$10000
19	" " " Estate of T.L. Cage		
1	MM 3-C	23650	
	Black file		

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 19, 1972

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

With respect to the Machins Mills pieces which you have on hand for photography, I believe it would be better to let Bob Vlack see them if there is going to be a delay in your pictures being taken by Craige. If that occurs, Craige can have them at any time Craige is ready to photograph them.

Sincerely,

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10/23/72

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter and check. Enclosed is a receipted bill for your purchase. As for the MM pieces, all those of Craige that were needed for the plate, along with all of those that you sent me, were sent up to Vlack some time ago. He returned Craige's pieces to me, and with your permission was holding yours for study, * as well as photography. Bob also told me that he had an appointment to visit August, and photograph his coins. So, we should wind up with good plates, and they should not be too long in coming thru. It seems that Craige's son got very busy starting a new business venture, and couldn't find the time to do them. How is your ms on the subject progressing? Have you any idea as to when it might be published?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

* WILL RETURN DIRECTLY TO YOU.

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P.S. Do you know if Jonathan Baird Smith signed any of the 2/17/76 fractional issues? If he did, do you have any duplicates that you can trade? If he didn't, can you tell me what issues he did sign? Do you have any duplicates of anything with his signature? I also need a note, or notes with the Hillegas signature. What issues did he sign? These are for decendants.

Jonathan B Smith #2 11/29/75
2/17/76
5/9/76 not seen
#4 7/22/76

Samuel Hillegas 2/17/76
5/9/76
7/22/76
$30 $3 11/2/76
2/26/77

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DATE 10/23/72 **Nº 4846**

SOLD TO Eric P. Newman

Edison Bros Stores Inc

P.O. Box 14020

St-Louis, MO 63178

ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
Penna 3/10/69 10 Shill (Plate 13')	7501	55
		55

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 1, 1972

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Thank you for bringing me up to date on the MM pieces.

Jonathan B. Smith has signed Continental Currency for 11/29/75, 2/17/76, 5/9/76 and 7/22/76. Whether he signed fractional notes, I do not know.

I am enclosing photocopies of notes with his signature, the originals of which I will part with for proper ancestor worship.

I also enclose copies of Hillegas notes which are not particularly necessary for me to keep.

Let me know what your desires are.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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11/8/72

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter and photo copies. I found a hillegas note in my stock after further searching, and supplied it. This man might like more, so I'll check with him. However, what he originally had in mind was a note signed by Michael Hillegas, which would be of a later period, if any such thing exists. Michael was an ancestor, and we both speculated that Samuel might have been his father. What can you tell me about all this? On the Smith note, the party specifically asked for an AU or unc fractional note with that signature. I wrote and told him that I had other notes, not unc, and asked whether or not he'd be interested. So far, no reply. So, thanks for your efforts, and we'll hold off on these pieces for a while. Meanwhile, I have the enclosed note sold, but, despite the illustration in the book, the purchaser would like a letter of authentication to the effect that it is original, genuine, and not some sort of reprint. Would you please oblige on your Foundation stationery? When returning, please send insured for $200. airmail. I haven't spoken to Vlack lately, so do not know what progress, if any, he's made on the plates. The last time we spoke, he was against your numbering system, but after some talking, I think that I had him about half convinced. I hope that he goes along. I think it's good.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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DATE 11/8/72

№ 8498

Erin P. Newman

Edison Bros Stores, Inc

P.O. Box 14020

St Louis Mo 63178

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	(1733) Maryland 2½ Shill	7084	200			

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11/8/72

Dear Mr. Hillegas:

Thank you very much for your letter and remittance. Enclosed please find a receipted bill for your purchase. I hope that you had a pleasant trip to Arizona, and that you're comfortably settled in your new home. I've written to a friend who may be able to help out with the relationship between Samuel and Michael, and might be able to let me know whether or not Michael ever signed any notes at all. ~~Would you be~~ interested in any ~~more notes~~ signed by Samuel?

NO — no more Samuel notes

I would like to know Samuel + Michael's relationship if any — + would like to know whether Michael ever signed anything

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Thanks for all your trouble
Fred Hillegas
Maya Apts — 220A
7625 East Camelback Road
Scottsdale, Ariz — 85251

Richard Picker

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11/13/72

Dear Eric:

I called this AM just to be sure that you weren't away on a trip. The enclosed coin was sent to me by a customer for authentication. Frankly, I don't like it, but, I'd rather not take the responsibility on my own. The weight is rather high, but, that's not conclusive. It's being offered by Charlie French, and when the customer called him about it, he suggested that it be sent to you. However, this fellow doesn't know you, and he felt funny sending it directly to you. So, when you've finished with it, please send it to: Mr. John A. Royse, Jr., P.O. Box 40591, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240, and register it for $1100. (air-mail). When he receives it he will send you a check for the postage. Were you ever able to dig up any info on that other one I sent you a while back? When you return this piece to him, please send me a copy of the letter.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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Eric Moore

Edwin Bass Stamp, Jr

P. O. Box 14020

St Louis MO 63178

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1776 Cont. Dall Punch EG Fent		1100			

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 15, 1972

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

You have asked our opinion of the unsigned Maryland 2/6 bill with stub. You sent it in your letter of November 8, 1972.

We have examined others and find that this is an unsigned original from the remainder of unissued notes. These were found in sheets bound in a book and a few sheets were cut up. They were printed in England.

The paper is the proper laid paper and contains the distinctive watermark, MARYLAND, as well as ornamentation in watermark. It is not a reprint.

We hope we have been helpful.

The piece is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

EPN
atb

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11/18/78

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your opinion, and for the return of the note. A friend sent me this photo-copy, which I thought you might like. To the best of my knowledge, I've only seen one Continental that was hole cancelled, and as I recall it was 1/14/79. So, perhaps a few escaped the flames. I don't know what happened to mine. It may have been in the stuff that was stolen. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you on the Continental dollar. I just had a distressing call that Mrs. Donner passed away last night. Though he deals mainly in ancients, I'm sure that you know Bill.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

Answered longhand

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11/26/72

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your help with these last two items. Right now, I'm as busy as you always tell me you are. Except for a very pleasant Thanksgiving dinner here with our children, etc., I've been working all week-end, which includes today, as well as Thanksgiving evening, after our guests left. Here's another problem, or queery. Perhaps you can find the answers for him. I think that I may have written to you about this previously. Please let me know what you can about this, and return the letter when you do. I hope that you had a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ri

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11/30/72

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your note. I know that there were loads of the State notes cancelled, but, I assumed that the resolution I sent referred to the actual Continentals, since it was the same date that the State notes were authorized by Congress. It would seem that they made provision to retire the Continentals in favor of the State notes that were to be issued. The other copy of the resolution, I sent to Phil Keller, and evidently he assumed that they referred to Continentals, as per his letter enclosed (please return). I don't know if anyone will pay $675. for it, or what it's really worth. A friend, who collects medals, and documents told me about it. It was sent to him on approval, and he returned it to the source, and he didn't mention who the source was. I can probably find out if you're interested. Meanwhile, enclosed are photos of a note that is coming up in a N.Y. sale next month. I've never had an original or counterfeit of this, and reading your description of the counterfeit, it meets the requirement for ctf in that the 42 rises, but, the other notations do not follow. Please let me have your opinion on this as soon as possible. The sale is Harmer Rooke on the 12th.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

122 Crestmont Avenue
Lancaster, Penna. 17602
26 November 1972

Dear Dick,

Am enclosing my check for the Wood's overdate and the Massachusetts Cent.

Your comments on the Virginia plate are correct.

Thanks for the copy of the "U. S. Revolutionary Document of Numismatic Interest". I don't have any holed CC 1-14-79 bills. I do have holed $2 and $8 bills of the CC 5-20-77 issue. I see the extract calls for a "circular punch of one inch diameter". My cancellations are only 3/4 inch diameter. I never measured any others, but I believe all the ones I have seen were 3/4 inch rather than one inch.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Phil

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1/3/73

Dear Eric:

A while ago, I think that I mentioned to you that there was some error in the counterfeit listing of the Conn notes. In the catalogue portion you list ctfs as existing in. 5/10/75 40 Sh; 3/1/[illegible] 40 Sh; 6/1/[illegible] 20 Sh and 40 Sh. In the ctf listing you list the '75 issue OK but 3/1/[illegible] 20 Sh and 40 Sh. and no desc. of the 6/1/[illegible] 40 sh. Now, I found that the 3/1/[illegible] desc for the 20 sh. note actually describes the 6/1/[illegible] 20 sh. ctf. The 3/1/20 40 Sh desc. evidently refers to that note since you refer to the R in March, so you evidently omitted the desc of the 6/1/[illegible] 40 Sh note. I assume that there is no ctf of the 3/1/[illegible] 20 sh note. I'm working with a new collector, who only Collects Conn Col notes. It would be very helpful if you would clarify this area for me, and send me the missing description, along with any additional info you have on the others already listed.

Kindest regards, and all best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 9, 1973

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, N. Y. 11507

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your commentary on the Connecticut counterfeits. I am pleased to be able to straighten out the matter.

The March 1, 1780 40s counterfeit is correctly described.

The June 1, 1780 20s counterfeit should be described as follows:

4 ornaments in a vertical row are directly under the space between GS of SHILLINGS instead of under the left side of S.

The June 1, 1780 40s counterfeit should be described as follows:

In the 5th line of the face text the base of S in Shil is on the base line whereas in the genuine it is below the base line.

We hope the foregoing is helpful.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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1/17/73

Dear Eric:

Thanks for straightening out the Conn ctf situation. The possibility exists that I might have one or two of these ctfs in my stock of Conn notes, but, I doubt it. I know that I don't have any attributed as such, but, something might have slipped thru. The question came up while I was cataloguing material from the Norman Bryant collection for Stacks, and in the sale there is a 6/1/80 20 Shilling, Lot # 96. The sale is Feb 2nd, and I hope that you can see your way clear to be here for it. If not, if you wish, I'll act for you at the sale. If you don't have the catalogue as yet, give them a call. The've been in the mails for a while, but, the mails are terrible lately. I didn't receive the regularly mailed one yet. I'll be going to the LA show in Feb, planning to leave here on the 21st. If you think that you can spare the time, I could leave a day earlier, and stop off in St. Louis, and we can work out our long standing trades. Please let me know what you think of this idea.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard

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2/14/73

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. I'm busy as heck, probably busier than you, if that's possible! I just cancelled my trip to California, too much to do here. I just heard that the sotheby sale brought some nice prices. Did you get anything? I used to have a replica of the D & I that I used for camparison with the sigs., but, I didn't realize that it was with my books that were stolen. Could you please check out this sig. for me. I was under the impression that Wilson did his own signing in Yorktown, and that Joseph didn't sign this issue. Naturally, I'm anxious about it, and would appreciate as prompt a response as you can manage. Did you see the FCI 2 page financial spread in CW, where Walter Breen is listed as a vice president? He moved back to California, but, I haven't heard from him, and don't know his new address. Nothing else new.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Please return, ~~xxxxxx~~ Registered Air Mail - $4.00. postage enclosed

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	C.C. 4/11/78 7 Del J. Wilson	765OHO	400	-		
	Joseph Wilson w/ f James	Returned 2/26/73 EPN				

Samuel Nelson

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2/24/73

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, and for the return of the non-Wilson note. I was not aware that Joseph signed the Yorktown issue, but, I guess he did. As for the Sotheby sale, X the man who bought the Mass note anso bought the 1749 Penna. He did not bid on the plate, and I don't know who did bid on it. It would seem to me that your London agent should be able to tell you who got it. The English sales used to give the name of the purchaser as well as the price realized, but, I think that they stopped that. However, I'd suggest that a letter to X Sotheby with a request for the name might produce results. In such letter you might mention that if they are not authorized to give you the name, that they contact the new owner, and ask him to get in touch with you. I'm sure that they'd do that. The party who got the other two notes mentioned above was very much disappointed in not getting the 1744 penna since his agent did not take the bidding to the top limit he had authorized. If you'd like to borrow the Mass and Pa notes for study, I think that I can arrange it. Meanwhile, I called you yesterday on something else. We're thinking of a vacation over Easter April 13-24, and if your house in Jamaica will be vacant at that time, we may be in a position to rent it. Please give me a call at your earliest convenience, so that we can discuss it, and I can firm up my plans. So far, we're going with one other couple (Lawyer & Teacher), but, this might grow to another two couples. Now that the sale is over, could you tell me what your top bid was on the 1744? It might make the other bidder feel somewhat better.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely, Dick

Reply 3/2/73 Long Island

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3/4/73

Dear Eric:

In studying a ctf $40. Yorktown I have here, it seems that your # 2 and #3 are the same. At least this note has the features of both, in addition to the numerals of the date on obverse being smaller, perhaps by 1 mm, the word 'bearer' rides up to the right. I can't see where the right base of N is high, but, the left base is somewhat low. Value is slightly higher than 'the' proceeding, but much higher than 'thereof', and this word is uneven at the bases. The left top of v in silver curls to left instead of a big hook to the right. The right base of A of April below the joining point of the loop of p instead of on a line. The reverse has 5 pairs of leaves and the original 4. You have this reversed in the book. The right upright of Hall is curved, like a C, and the ls do not have top loops. Other minor differences. I didn't make a copy of ~~kis~~ this, and am not putting it in the book, until I hear from you clearing this up, especially about 2 and 3 being the same.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 7, 1973

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

I am sending you the revision I worked out a year or so ago on the $40 Yorktown counterfeits. I am also sending you a photocopy of your letter pointing out additional items of difference.

If you think my description should be revised, please work on it. Perhaps a combination of our descriptions is a healthy one.

Please also advise which one or more have the wrong number of leaves on the back as it is possible that the back plate was used on two different counterfeits.

This is the toughest distinction to make because the work is so beautifully done.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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5/13/73

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter and descriptions. It now seems that there are three counterfeits, and the one that I have (enclosed) is #2. Frankly, I think that the descriptions should be clear enough, and with as many details as possible, so that the note can be identified by itself, without having to compare it with a genuine, or other counterfeit. Unfortunately, I no longer have the genuine to work with, it was borrowed, and now returned. But, I think that if you add the items in my description to yours, it should be perfectly identifiable. Also: value and thereof ride up to the right; ~~andxxxxx~~ and: 'to a' higher than adjacent words with the 'o' being even still higher. This last, I just noticed, and do not know how it compares to the original. In your description you omitted the 'r' in Forty being in register. This # 2 also has the tail of the 'Y' turned upward as # 3. As for the reverse, the genuine that I examined had the two lowest pair of leaves very smudged, so that I couldn't tell whether or not it was really a pair of leaves. That's how I came to the conclusion that the original had only 4, because this has 5 clear pairs (what is actually correct?). I think the other notes I made on the reverse should be included, as well as anything else you can pick up. The size of the date would only be good for comparison with the genuine, but, it can't hurt to include it. Please return mine when you've finished with it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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P.S. After speaking with you, I was talking with Dr. Stefanelli, and the subject got around to Mass. Silver. I mentioned my theory that these pieces were possibly struck with rocker or roller dies, since so many of them, when found in top shape have such wavy planchets. He not only agreed with me, but told me that the same thought had occured to him. What thoughts do you have on the subject? I had mentioned this to Ken Bressett some time ago, and though he didn't discount it all together, he thought it was possible but not probable. I discussed this with a speaker at an ANS meeting a year or two ago whose talk was on rocker and roller dies. He was not familiar with Mass. silver, and was going on to Princeton for about 6 months, and then was to be back at ANS for a few weeks. He said that he'd look into it then, but, I forgot about it, and I never heard from him, and have even forgotten his name. But, when I described the waviness of the planchets, he felt that it was a possibility. Something to look into??

No rocker or roller

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Eric P. Newman

Edison Bros Stores, Inc

P.O. Box 14020

St. Louis Mo 63178

APPROVAL

	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
C.C.	4/11/78 $40 Cont. cty	13228	7657	200	—		

Returned 3/30/73

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 16, 1973

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, New York

Dear Dick:

The items I am interested in, in the Schulman Sale of March 20, 1973 at 6:30 P. M., are as follows:

Lot 1223 Small Heath Detector, 1864, first edition.
(I already have one. This may improve mine a little.
Under no circumstances will I pay over $30.00.)

Lot 1224 Large size Heath edition 1867 copyright misdescribed.
($90 maximum but expected at about $60.00).

Lot 1226 Large Heath Detector 1887.
(Maximum $110.00).

Lot 1227 ~~Gilford~~ on Half Cents with original photographic plates.
($100.00 maximum).

If you are able to find out what the bids are on the book and you let me know, I will appreciate it. We can decide Tuesday during the day whether you should send the bids in after we know what the situation is.

Books, like these, have no price and can be bought from very modest amounts to ridiculous amounts. They were catalogued by Steinberg, very inaccurately, and I don't care whether I get any of them or not.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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4/3/73

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the ctf descriptions, and the copy of the letter from Ken. On the descriptions, I thought that you would include several other points, so that there would be no confusion. Perhaps it might be a good idea to illustrate all of the counterfeits ~~that~~ of those notes that have more than one counterfeit. Also, I hope that you'll include descriptions of all counterfeits instead of just of that period. The book revision is good news as well as bad news. That means that the prices must be revised, and that will be quite a job, especially to anticipate what the market will be like in 1976. It seems that everyone who has any good notes is reluctant to sell now, anticipating better prices as we approach the bicentennial. But, when the time comes, we'll work on it. The party who bought that Mass. note from the London sale was John L. Roper, 2nd, P.O. Box 2100, Norfolk, Va. 23501. Back to ctfs. Why don't you want to include differences on the reverses as well as obverses? Wait till you read the reports of the prices in the Stack sale. They were all legit, because I was there, I know who bought some of the wild ones, and know who were the underbidders.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 10, 1973

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Would you be nice enough to give me an appraisal on the uncirculated 1787 George Clinton copper which is being transferred to Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society. It is better centered than the Massachusetts Historical Society's piece recently auctioned and a lovely olive color.

I would also appreciate your commentary on the fact that the recent price obtained at auction was arrived at by bona fide bidding.

I will be appreciative of your help.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/tb

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5/2/73

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. Your photos arrived, but I've been up to my ears in work, and haven't been able to sit down, examine them, and work out a good letter. I hope to get to it next week. I've been cataloguing another sale for Stacks, and they need it as soon as possible. The sale is June, 20, 21, and 22, so you can see the rush. This has some terrific material, Crosby plate Willow XII and Oak XII, as well as a nice Immune in copper, Confederatio, lovely 1739 Higley, Voce Pop ¼d small letters, Nelson Plate, lovely Pitt ¼d, OT3d Noe 35, your plate specimen, PT6d Noe 32, several Rosa and Woods patterns, including the 1733 blank reverse in steel with the engraving on the ~~x~~ reverse as mentioned in Taxay and Nelson, etc. Since you didn't let me know anything on the 1724 2d, I'm putting it in the sale too. Other really nice pieces. Meanwhile, here's the prices realized from the last sale that you wanted. Do you have a source to get the Stack catalogues, or do you want me to get one for you?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Did Joe Lasser point out the discrepancy in the NY 4/15/58 issue. Is £10,000. correct, or the individual printings which would make it £ 100,000.?

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5/17/73

Dear Eric:

Just a quick note. The copy ~~xxxxxx~~ enclosed is of a note that belongs to someone else, who is consigning his collection to the forthcoming ANA sale. This note was sent to me because of the unrecorded signatures. W. REMSEN is quite clear. The only other REMSEN that I found was HENRY on the 4/10/56 issue The other sig seems to be JOHN (which is quite clear) BATHSART or something like it. I would appreciate it very much if you would check this out as soon as possible, and call me with the info, as I promised to write it up for the sale, and get it off to Jess Peters pronto. ~~XXX~~ The number appears to be 32478, but the 1st digit is very blurred. It could be anything, and it could also be just a blur, leaving the number 2478. Also, Ned Barnsley would like to ~~xx~~ buy a N.Y. 3/5/76 note with the JAMES JARVIS sig., to give to Jim Spilman. Would you have such a duplicate? If so, please get in touch with Ned on it.x On the 4/15/58 issue, I forgot what you said is correct, the number of notes printed, or the amount of the issue? I'm waiting to speak to you regarding the valuation of the Clinton, and another coin that you mentioned, but I forget the latter.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Could this be Frank Bassett Lithog?

THIS BILL shall pass current in
in all Payments in this Colony,
for ONE *SPANISH MILLED*
DOLLAR, or the Value thereof
in *Gold* or *Silver*, according to the
Resolution of the Provincial Congress
of New-York, on the Fifth Day of
March, 1776.

ONE DOLLAR.

1 D.

MEMO FROM R.P.

5/30/73

Dear Erin

Nina Talbot will give you a few minutes go through the catalogue. Tomorrow I'll phone in your P.O. address & you'll be on the regular mailing list for all future cats.

Again, our best to Evelyn and hope she's completely well by this time

Sincerely

Rick

May 31, 1973

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

The New York note of March 5, 1776 should be checked to see if it is possible that the name is Frank Bassett or Luther Bassett. Perhaps the Bassett is wrong and it should be Bathsart. Your xerox was too poor to read. Whey don't you trace the signature as best you can so I can have it for comparison.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

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6/5/73

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. Trying to trace this sig really wouldn't do much good, and time is really running short. So, here's the note. Do the best that you can with it, and when you're finished, please write it up for an auction lot, and send it directly to Jess Peters. The note is the property of Jim Budd (1926 Prairie Square 215, Schaumburg, Illinois, 60172). He consigned his colonial paper ~~p~~ money collection to Jess Peters for the ANA sale, and Jess is now working on the catalogue. I'll write Jess now, and have him keep a lot open in the proper place, and tell him that you'll send it ~~xxxx~~ directly to him (P.O. Box 123, Decatur, ILLINOIS 62525). When you write it up, of course, please give the significance of the unrecorded signers. I certainly hope that Evelyn is now completely recovered, and that you're safely back in your house.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. When sending it to Jess, please register or insure it for $200., and send it air-mail.

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6/12/73

Dear Eric:

Though I haven't mentioned our conversation to anyone, I thought that this little editorial would tickle you, and it is apropos. I certainly hope that by this time Evelyn is completely recovered, and that you're back in your nice house. I'm anxious to know what you thought of that N.Y. note, and hope that by this time it's on its way to Jess Peters. You should have received the Stack catalogue a while back. When I spoke to you, I had the pack one and send it airmail. If there's anything that you think you may want, I'll be happy to execute your bids for you. What else is new?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. I've just been alerted to a stolen Membership Certificate in the Soc. of the Cincinnati, in the Name of Major John Bryce, signed by GW. Keep your eyes open, and call me if you hear of any leads.

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XXXXXX 8/9/73

Dear Eric:

The enclosed is very confusing. It's evidently a 'bill of indictment' vs a counterfeiter with the counterfeit note attached. You don't list a ctf of this note, and though you can't tell much from the p/c, the sigs look good. It came from Joe Lasser, who got it from one of his contacts in N.C. who only collects N.C. material. Though it isn't for sale, the party who owns it will let it go in trade for some of the rarer N.C. notes that he lacks in the issues of 8/21/75 & 5/17/83. These issues must be quite rare, as I don't recall having had any of them. I don't know the value of this item, or whether or not you have any of this material for trade, or if you ever want it, but, from what Joe says, he's a very nice person, and may be willing to lend it to you for study. Let me or Joe know what you think. Meanwhile, it was nice talking with you, and I'm glad that you had such a good time. Fourteen inches?! I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Boston, and to seeing the coins that you want me to appraise for you. While you're getting these out, please bring along some duplicates for trading, as we've been discussing for the past several years. Also, let me know whether or not you're going to do this, so that I'll know whether or not to bring the stuff that I have aside for you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

North Carolina
Salisbury District } At a Superior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
for the District of Salisbury on the Second day of
September in the third year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and so forth,
According to the form of the Act of Assembly in such Case
made and provided, before the Worshipful Thomas Frohock Esqr
Judge of the said Court

Upon Motion for an Attachment upon Affidavit made that
James Wood late of the Parish of Saint Martin in the County of Hanover
Gentleman, being a Person of Evil Name, Fame, and Conversation
and Daily and Notoriously Cursing George Davis, in Contempt of
Decency and Defiance of the Laws of this Province and Government
Ordered that an Attachment issue against the said James Wood
Esqr to be levied on his Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels
and for want thereof upon his Person to be Imprisoned
Ordered that the Sheriff do Summon a good and Lawful Jury
of Twelve Freeholders to Inquire of the Premises
Ordered that the Sheriff do Summon twenty of the Inhabitants
of this Province, Strict of the Value of Forty Eight Shillings Lawful money
of Great Britain, Inclusively Creditable and Substantial Men
to be Jurors upon the said Inquest for the said Jury and Other Jurors
Ordered that the Sheriff do Summon twenty of the Inhabitants
of this Province, Strict of the Value of Forty Eight Shillings Lawful money
of Great Britain as aforesaid, to be the said Jurors [illegible]
[illegible] Will so as aforesaid by their settling
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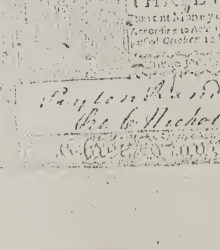
[illegible] Denied and Ingarnished the Law of
[illegible] Crown and Dignity

Thos Henderson Clk



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 17, 1973

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

A 3 pound Virginia note is definitely counterfeit as the type in the word "accordingly" and elsewhere is not set type, but irregular as if cut into a plate.

I will see you in Boston. I don't want to bring anything I don't have to.

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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7/1/73

Dear Eric:

Busy as heck winding up the convention, answering backlogged mail, etc. I can't make out this sig and don't think it's one that's recorded. I also have another of the same issue, 2d, #35145 with a clear sig of a JOHN MACKAY (unl.). Will take this with me to ANS reception Wed. in case you're there, if not, will mail it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Returned 7/21/73

J. Treadwell is the sig.

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DATE 9/1/73 **Nº 8708**

Eric Newman

APPROVAL

	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	Can 10/11/77 2d	14206	78424				

It is John Treadwell,

P.S. Book under separate cover

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10/1/73

Dear Eric:

Enclosed are the valuations, finally. If you would like any, or all of them changed in any manner, please return to me with the corrections, and I'll be happy to do them over. I didn't make copies of these, or for that matter of the ones that I sent you in the past on other coins. I would appreciate it very much if you would make photo-copies of all of them, and send them on for my files. I feel that I should have copies, and if any question ever arose, it would also be good for you. Here's the book on the 1976 Paris meeting. I'm almost certain that I sent you one when it was published, since I remember buying 6, and I only have 2 left. If you find that you already have it, you can return it, if not, be my guest. I think that you mentioned that you had an extra copy of the Bowers catalogue. If you do, I'd appreciate it very much. Mind if I ask. I'd at it marked with opening and closing prices, and buyers name. I'd appreciate it very much if you could copy onto ~~yes~~ the copy that you send me, whatever notes you have in your two copy, that would be relevant. Joe Lasser pointed out a few more errors in the book. P. 5, Edmund Randolph did not sign the Constitution. P. 312, you mention James Monroe as a signer, and the illustration shows Gouverneur Morris. Did they look alike, or is there an error? I think that he mentioned that the same goes for the following issues as well. He's buying a notebook on all this material, and it will be available when we see it. Thanks for the return of the Cent book. Excellent it is. It shows a variety under UV. I should have tried that before sending it to you. Anne and I were engrossed all the time that we were able to spend with you, and look forward to similar meetings. I hope that I didn't forget anything.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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10/1/73

Dear Mr. Newman:

A detailed examination of your Washington President, 1792, General Of the American Armies..... (Baker 59), copper, reveals that it is superior to the specimen that soll in the Stack sale of June 22, 1973 (Lot # 877) for $13,000.00. In addition to being superior in grade as compared to the Stack specimen, it has no sign of any damage, whereas the Stack specimen had been retcoled in the obverse field. In view of this, I feel that your specimen would have a retail value of $17,500.00 (Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) today.

Kinlest regards,

Sincerely,

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10/1/73

Dear Mr. Newman:

After comparing your 1787 New York, George Clinton Cent (Crosby, Page 321, Fig. 62, Plate VIII, No. 5), with the specimen sold at Stacks public auction sale of March 29, 1973 (lot # 31), I find that though your specimen is better centered, it does exhibit a slight amount of wear, or perhaps a slight weakness in striking. It is my opinion that the Stack specimen is only very slightly more desireable that yours, and in view of the sale price of the Stack specimen ($34,000.00), I would value your specimen at $30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) on today's retail market.

Kinlest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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10/1/73

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to examine you Massachusetts Cent, Ryder Number 2a-F (arrows and branch transposed). It is the finest that has come to my attention, and I would value it at $12,500.00 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) on todays retail market.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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10/1/73

Dear Mr. Newman:

After examining your 1766 Pitt Farthing in brass (Betts Number 520), I find that it is in every respect comparable to the similar specimen Sold by Stacks at their public auction sale of June 22, 1973 (lot # 803) for $3000.00. In view of this, it is my opinion that your specimen is worth $8,000.00 (Eight Thousand Dollars) on todays retail market.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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10/1/73

Dear Mr. Newman:

Regarding your 1785 Immune Columbia/Nova Constellatio Copper (Crosby Page 312, figure 54, Plate VII, # 30), I feel that it is an excellent specimen. The specimen that sold in the Stack sale of June 22, 1973 (lot # 307) for $35,000.00 (Thirty Five Thousand Dollars), had less actual wear, but had a planchet defect, an edge nick, and several dark stains on the obverse, and a peculiarly beveled edge. Yours is a nicqelcan specimen, with a minimum of pit marks and edge nicks, but a sharp strike. In view of this, I would value your specimen at $25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) on the retail market today.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

[No] [10 Dollars.]

HE Bearer is entitled to receive, at the Treasury of the United States of America, TEN DOLLARS for Value received, this Thirty-first day of July, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

{ Comptroller General.

Cent Dollars.

Francis Bailey, Printer.

U.S. of A
IN RED LETTERS

WATERMARK IN PAPER: A POSTHORN WITHIN A SHIELD SURMOUNTED BY A CROWN

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12/3/73

Dear Eric:

I gave Lester your message regarding the check. That was Thursday AM. Later that morning, he received word that his father died. He has a sale Fri. & Sat., and the funeral will be Sunday. So, I don't know whether or not he got around to digging out the check, making a p/c of it, and sending it to you, but, I'll speak to him on Monday or Tuesday, and will remind him. Meanwhile, I've never done anything with lottery tickets, and don't know whether this is something rare, common, or hitherto unknown. What can you tell me about it? Any ideas as to value? I wrote to Ben last week to try to make an appointment for him to come up here to work on the book, but as yet have had no reply. My son will be home from the 21st through the 3rd, so don't know whether or not we'll be able to do it during that period.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

No. 7014

United States Lottery. No.

CLASS the THIRD.

THIS TICKET entitles the Bearer to receive such PRIZE as may be drawn against its Number, according to a *Resolution* of CONGRESS, passed at *Philadelphia*, *November* 18, 1776.

E. Campbell

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12/15/75

Dear Eric:

There's been a slight change in plans. Ben hasn't been feeling too well lately, and he feels that it wouldn't be wise to come up here for a visit for a few days to work on the book. So, we're going to do this work independently, and so am I. We'll send me his results, and after I compare them with mine, I'll call him, and find out any differences, and then forward the completed info to you. Meanwhile, have you found any info on the two items recently sent to you?

Also join me in all best wishes for the holiday season to you, Evelyn and the family.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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3/[illegible]/74

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for sending on the p/c. I sent J.C. p/cs of the original announcements. If you'd like a set, let me know and I'll also send some p/cs. Thanks also for the Brooklyn article. At first reading it didn't make sense. I'll have to study it. The article was continued on page [illegible]. Do you still have that (N.Y. 2/[illegible]/74). The only [illegible] that I have [illegible] to report is that Cora signed it's name [illegible] in the draper, [illegible] it isn't [illegible]. It seems to me that if he signed some, he may have signed all, and perhaps a careful examination of the other legislations might reveal it. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sat, and I'll [illegible] forward to speaking with you after [illegible], [illegible] that [illegible]. You can see from [illegible] I am [illegible] all the typing errors. It's busy as [illegible], and will be [illegible] all next week [illegible] total, [illegible] down to the [illegible], and will probably run into the [illegible] week in April. If you're in Washington, [illegible]. As soon as it's over, and I get caught up on the mail that will have been [illegible], I'll get to work on the book. As a matter of fact, I think that I'd take it with me, and perhaps get some work done on it in the evenings there.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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March 18, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

I have for an opinion a 1787 New Jersey Cent which appears very normal and heavily worn and corroded. However, the lettering, the plow, the date and the horse's head are slightly below the level of the field instead of above it.

It is not possible for the coin to beabrockage because the lettering is in normal position and not mirror image. Perhaps I am wrong, but I do not understand how any intaglio can be normally readable, etc.

The only thing which occurs to me is that some chemical action has taken place which ate out the high parts of the piece. Perhaps it was buried underground for a long time and the parts which were raised up in the striking process were eaten away much deeper than the field. I would send you the coin, but I am not permitted to. Have you any idea as to how this could have occurred?

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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4/15/74

Dear Eric:

Busy as heck. This note is in the collection of the Fed. Res. Bk. of Atlanta, and is probably a remainder note from the 1784 issue as illustrated on P. 153. The curator told me that it is on very thin paper, so thin that it was probably a proof impression, since anything so thin would not likely be made for circulation. I'm reminded of the later Virginia issues on thin paper that did circulate. At this point, I don't know if the paper is watermarked or not, but, will find out. A photograph will be forthcoming within a few weeks, which might be better for reproduction, if you want it. Is it possible that the same form was used for the 9/21/89 issue?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ri

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April 17, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick;

I appreciated your Massachusetts bank photocopy of the item in the Atlanta Fed. I have photocopies of sheets of these items and have concluded that they were subsequently prepared rather than prepared prior to circulation. The paper is not like the Virginia issues as it is much superior in manufacture. The paper is not watermarked.

As to the EPMOA, I have begun to write some new material as I have gotten the green light from Ken. Naturally, I will count on your with respect to the pricing. I am very glad you are busy as the material you handle has really come into its own.

Paul Garland sent me a $2 note requisition of the 1785 United States issue priced at $500.00 because I thought Joe might want it. He didn't and, therefore, I want you to know about it in case you are interested. I have already returned it to Paul.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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5/3/74

Dear Eric:

Sorry, couldn't get anything for you in the sale. They went as follows:

Lot #	Your Bid	Open	Close	Bidder #
159	$ 85.	$140.	$300.	617
160	40.	90.	90.	Book
166	210.	300.	475.	617

Bidder 617 was Dorothy Gershenson, evidently for a customer. Meanwhile, here are p/cs of the counterfeit notes. Joe Lasser bought the Conn, so, if you need a better illustration, you can borrow it from him. Richard Ulbrich of Conn bought lot 66, and if you need that, I'm sure he'll lend it, let me know. Bidder # 606 bought lot 67, and I don't know who that might be, but, perhaps an inquiry to FCI might divulge the name, or they might be able to borrow it for you. Or, Walter might know, he was there. I just received Hoch's Noe reprint. Good job, but, I'm disappointed to see that he left out new material, which I thought he was going to include. I see that he lists Noe 12, PTS as cont. ctf. That had been my contention, but, am wondering if you now agree. I don't know where he got that info if not from you, or perhaps whoever did the price info for him. What else is new? I'll try to get a catalogue and PR for you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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5/9/74

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you earlier. Here's the coin in question. It looks like it should be 3-E, but, that isn't likely. When Ted was alive, we had a similar problem, and these are the conclusions that we worked out then. Please return this sheet to me, it has a certain amount of sentimental value to me. However, in working this out, we only had the plates (which are very difficult to work with), and a few coins. Note how the leaf under V is doubled, as it appears to be in the plate of E, yet it doesn't seem to match with 2, but more like 3. The plate of F doesn't show this leaf double. Whatever you work out, I'll be looking forward to finding your conclusions as to our deductions, as well as the correct attribution of this piece, upon our return, which should be about June 6th.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. Please register for $600. when returning. This coin is consigned to Lester for a sale.

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DATE 5/9/74 **Nº 8899**

Eric P. Newman

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1773 Va ½d. H 3-E 7		600			

Auction Data on Coins for Appraisal

Pricher

Mar. 29, 1973 Stack auction

Lot #31 Clinton Deepoline unc off center obv.
$34,000 30000 appraisal

Lot #60 Mass Cent 2a-F Arrows + Branch transposed. fine.
off center
Dents + scratches
Rough planchet. $4,750 — $12,500 appraisal
for superior

June 20, 1973 Stack auction

Lot #803 Pitt farthing Extfine $8000.00
appraisal $8000

Lot #827 1785 Immune Columbia - Nova Ca. VII-30
Planchet defect Unc
Edge nick
$35,000
appraisal 25,000

Lot #877 1792 Washington President Baker, 59
Slight tooling on obv. xf $13,000
(appraisal 17,500)

Will call you

Eric

Pucher

June 1974

Are you interested in buying of Vlack #10 1787 Machins in vf for £30 which I have on approval Baldwin sent it to me. I have it already. I will send it back unless you want to see it.

Eric

Pucher

June 1974

I am sending you 5 copies of the Paul Revures Engravings. These are with my compliments because you have to be broke after a long European holiday, Welcome home

Eric

Pucher

June 1974

I am sending you photographic prints of Virginia illustrations from my article. they are in the book box

Eric

Pucher

June 1974

The two #65 1/14/79 Continental Currency "counterfeits" in Lots 66 and 67 of the Rene True Rare Coin Auctions Sale are genuine in my opinion. thank you for the photos. the defect in the nature print on the back shows they are genuine. Somebody gooped methinks.

Eric

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June 11, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

The Virginia ½d you sent for examination is definitely 3-E by my pictures. I have examined two others of the identical die combination to compare with it. You will have to ignore my word descriptions and my combination designation on E and F.

I cannot go along with Ted Craigie's assertion that E and F are the same. I have listed the most distinct differences on the attached sheet. One is not a recutting of the other. The differences, however, are so slight and difficult to describe.

If Ted had a 2-D, then that is new to me, but I don't know what combination F is found with.

Unfortunately my pictures were remounted when the monograph was published and this caused many problems. Who do you know who collects Virginia by variety. Does Vlack? I will have to re-examine a nice group of Virginias to straighten out this problem. Who got Ted's Virginias?

Lot 1060 in the New Netherlands Sale of June 13, 1967 has a reverse which is designated as E but that is wrong. It is missing the legs, but this is a striking defect and could happen to any die which was not struck with sufficient pressure.

Do you have any stock of Virginia pieces which you could check? Does any other dealer? I would like to recheck as much as I can to clear up the combinations and descriptions.

The coin is returned. I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

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$1.55

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VIRGINIA HALFPENCE

Photo of Reverse E - Point of leaf almost reaches base line of A and points between legs of A. Left part of bottom stroke of 3 normally distant from 7. The 3 has a smooth outside curve at closest part of 3 to 7.

Photo of Reverse F - Point of leaf aims at center of right serif on right base of A and ends far below baseline of A. Left part of bottom stroke of 3 very close to 7. The left part of the bottom stroke of 3 has a sharp turn at the closest point to 7.

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6/14/74

Dear Eric:

Just got the plate and announcements packed, and they'll be mailed to Hoch tomorrow AM. Thanks very much for your letter, and all enclosures. The Virginia series certainly does need work. I'm sure that Phil Keller will co-operate. Do you want to ask him to ship the coins to you (he has a nice collection), or shall I ask him? I'll speak to Mrs. Craige when I feel that the time is right, and try to borrow Ted's collection, but, I don't know how successful I'll be. She's a very suspicious person, even with me! I have a few odd ball ones in the vault, and will dig them out as soon as time permits. If you can, please send on the Vlack 10 from Baldwin. The illustration leaves a lot to be desired, and I can't tell from it whether or not I can use it at the price, but, I'll decide as soon as I can see the coin. If I buy it, or decide against it, do you want me to send the check or the coin to you, or directly to Baldwin??? The enclosed photo is from the Fed. Res. of Atlanta, and, you can use it in the book if you wish. It differs from the one illustrated in that it has a denomination on the right side as well as the left. Here's the Pine Tree p/r list. Just received them. Thanks for the extra Virginia material, as well as for the books. Now, rather than selling them, I'll find deserving collectors, and will also give them as gifts. I'm surprised to learn that those $65. Continentals are genuine. They sure didn't look good. I think that I bought one for one of my customers, and will try to borrow it, and send on the actual note, so that you can check it out more carefully.

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If it is genuine, my customer might want to return it. Enclosed also is a photo by Jim Spilman ~~of a Vt. R. 10 (mine)~~ of the shield area of a Vt. R. 10 (mine) which clearly shows one sheaf of grain. I do not have a 15, nor a nice enough R. 11 to see if the same design appears. Please check your specimens, and let me know what you find. Also, please return this photo, as it's a poloroid, and the only one that he sent me. I assume that he made a copy for his files. I'm sorry that I was unable to make the N.Y. meeting, but, we had a dinner engagement (it's now Saturday), and had a very nice evening. I read through the introduction for Hoch's reprint, and found it fascinating. You mentioned that the 'Maris' plate was to be bound opposite page 282. The book in which I found mine, had it bound facing page 288. You mentioned that 'it is hard to understand why the author permitted the major excerpts to be published....' Couldn't it have been to whet the appetite of collectors, to buy the book, such as an advertisement would do. It's like giving a few free samples. The only reprint other than Green, of which I'm aware, is the TAMS reprint of 1965, which was originally offered to members at $6.50, and to the public at $7.50. I don't know how many were printed, but, you can check that with Virginia Culver, who I think was in charge at the time. Do you know of any other Crosby reprintings? I asked Lester to make extra prints of the Va. 3-E, and will send you one. Will also dig out my odd-balls and send them when I can. Must get to other work now. Hope your trip to N.Y. was a complete success.

Kindest regards,

(OVER)

Sincerely, R

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7/2/74

Dear Eric:

Busy, busy, busy! This note belongs to a friend of mine. Since you didn't list the vignette, I thought you'd like to see it. If necessary, it can be borrowed for a photograph, but, it isn't for sale. After thinking about it, if they're still available, I'd like a few more of the Revere books. They make nice gifts even to non-numismatic people. About another 6 will be fine. When do you leave on vacation, and when will you be back?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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7/3/74

Dear Eric:

Here's a poser. In the book, you mention that the 1st $60 ctf has a complete 'P' in passed, where the genuine has the bottom cut off. I've had several of the 1st ctf, and all, like this one has the partial P. I've also had several genuines that only have a partial P, but, here's an apparant genuine with a full P. Comments?

When the time comes, what do you think of the idea of sending the Virginias to ~~XX~~ Jim Spilman, who can take excellent photos, and get the coins returned in good time, and we, or rather you, can work from the photos?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Top of first a in Congress aims up instead of down.

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APPROVAL

	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
C. C.	9/26/78 $60 Cert Ctf #1	47003	8116UM	
	" " Complete P	1952	8116RE	

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7/13/74

Dear Eric:

What a break. Friday the 13th came out on a Saturday this month. Anyway, thanks for the returns and all the notes. The S in Congress is a very good identification point, but, how do you account for the complete P in the genuine that you just returned, where all other genuines that I've seen (also illustration in book) has the bottom part missing??? I haven't heard from Baldwin's but glad they received it. It wasn't the price, just that there were too many scratches, and it wasn't that nice a coin. Hoch made me a few extra copies of the Maris plate, but, I've put one in each of my copies. I'm sure that he'll send you one if you ask him. Also, Jim Spilman had asked for it to photograph, so I had Hoch send it directly to him. He may do a better job, even though Al's was excellent. Yes, I have the only one original, but, if I ever latch on to another, I'll let you know. Sorry that you had a problem with Ned. He can become offended at the least little thing if it rubs him the wrong way. But, he's too nice a person to let that bother me. I'll be in Miami, and will be happy to do what I can with your coins. Do you want to bring some of your better duplicates? If so, I'll bring a few trading items. Let me know. When the Revere books arrive, do I pay you or the book co.? Thanks for that, and the info on the Maris book. I didn't know that. I'm doing a sale for Stacks, and there are some interesting items in it. Contrary to Maris's description of 74-bb, there definitely is a singletree and even the hint of a coulter. There is an excellent 36-J, and some other interesting varieties, as well as a Vt. R. 35, a really nice one. Do you have a 35? Nice? Gaad the NC photo helped.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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7/24/74

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for all the blurbs. The only Crosby reprint that I have is the one done by TAMS in 1965 (red cover). If you do not have that one, it'll be my pleasure to send you one. Except for the newforthcoming Hoch reprint, and the Green reprint of about 1940, I know of no other reprints. That is, unless you consider the 1878 issue a reprint. Do you know of others? Though there's no time for a thorough search, I think that it's going to be difficult to find R. 11 & 15 in old catalogues. I just tried about a half dozen, and except for the landscape types, very few Vermonts are plated or fully described (Parsons, Jenks, Earle, Stickney, Parmelee and a few others), but, you have many more catalogues than I have. The 96-VV will make its first appearance as N. 105-HH in the Stack sale of late fall or winter. Watch for it, there are a good many very rare N.J.s. Though I haven't as yet seen Hoch's N.J. reprint, I've seen ads for it, and I anxiously await it. If I can get some more work cleaned up soon, perhaps I can start on the paper money book. I already have Ben's work, just need some time. If it isn't too much trouble, I'd like to see the new pages.

LET ME KNOW

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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7/26/74

Dear Eric:

These are photos of the coin that will appear in Merkins forthcoming sale, 9/11/74, lot # 253, that you designated as 3-E. Lester will be sending you a catalogue, they go in the mail Monday. There are some other really nice coins in the sale. I sent these Va. photos to Jim Spilman, and at the same time, asked him ~~xx~~ if he would be willing to undertake the task of making up a new Virginia plate. If he will, I think that the best thing to do would be for Vlack to send you his collection, and between yours and his, you should be able to find everything that you need in top shape. Then, if any are lacking, I'm sure that we could get Phil Keller's collection, and I could try to get Ted Carige's. Of course, I'll send whatever I have in stock. You'd have to put new die variety designations on them, and then send them to Jim to shoot, and he could then return the coins to the proper parties. I'd be willing to share in the expenses. How does all this strike you? I also asked Jim to send you a copy of the Maris-Crosby plate when he has them ready. I hope that he received it. Hoch said that he mailed it, but, Jim hasn't let me know whether or not it arrived. I started work on the book. Got through the Continentals, and into Conn so far.

MAYBE VLACK WILL TOO

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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8/7/74

Dear Eric:

Don't want to bother you with this at the convention. Anyway, I'll need a letter with 3 copies, and the society or foundation stationery. On the surface it looks good, but, I didn't examine it carefully, since I'm up to my ears in work, and am trying to prepare for the convention. I'll go over it in detail when you return it to me, and I can read your refutations, and his description at the same time. Saw Joe for lunch, and found that I missed you by one day. Too bad. See you in Fla.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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	Dant Curr 1/14/79 65 Dol	142737		200			
	Prin Tree Sale 4/29/74 Lot 66						

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 13, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

You have asked for our opinion concerning $65, January 14, 1779, Continental Currency, Bill Number 142237. Apparently this note is Lot Number 66 in the Pine Tree rare coin auction sale of April 29, 1974. I have studied this note and in my opinion it is genuine. This note is one of the later impressions due to its reasonably high number. The borders, the emblem and the nature print on the back match the genuine notes perfectly. There is a defect on the lower left border of the nature print.

In view of the fact that the set type occasionally was damaged or broken in the course of printing, replacement letters or numbers were added. This could account for the difference in the V in FIVE and the difference in the tail of the 9 in the year. Some letters also shift slightly in the course of printing or spread due to impact pressure.

Slight differences in the water mark are also normal because each piece of paper is separately calendered and, therefore, the water marks can vary slightly. The signatures which are said to be forged are those of Robert Cather and Daniel Wistar, both of which are genuine. The two color printing and the blue fiber in the paper match other genuine pieces perfectly.

We are returning the piece herewith and hope we have been of service.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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8/22/74

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. Have all the backlog from having been in Fla for a week, and we go for a week's vacation next week. If this isn't exactly what you want, please make whatever changes you'd like, and return it to me for re-typing. If it's OK, please send me a copy for my files, I neglected to make a carbon.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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August 26, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

I had a long talk with Ken Bressett about the book and he is ready to proceed repidly. I want to point out a few things with respect to pricing.

Walter Breen, in the current Pine Tree Rare Coin Catalogue comments that the prices in the 1966 edition were too low when they were published. He needles whenever he can.

The important thing for us is to price all of the items which have sold in any of the recent auctions and I assume you have the prices brought at those auctions. Perhaps you enter them in a copy of the book so that your information is current. If I can be of any help on that matter please let me know.

Ken agreed with you that Ben's prices are very likely to be somewhat low.

My plan is to send you pages so that you can transfer figures to them - unless you want to send me your pages first. I will be glad to send you an entire book if that would be helpful to you. You could write the prices in the book and then tear up the book and send it to me in portions. How does that impress you?

I certainly appreciate your cooperation and am already planning to give you the kind of thanks you deserve - not primarily for the pricing - but for eight years of steady submission of information, questions, problems, etc. Joe has done a fine job chiefly on signatures and I am very grateful.

I think I am having more fun with the revision than I ever dreamed I would. Wait until you see all the new information.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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9/4/74

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter. Before I go any further, where do you want your mail, to the P.O. Box or to home? If important coins or notes, to P.O. Box or Home? I sent Ben a complete book. He put his prices in it in blue ink, and returned the book to me. I'm using the same book, and putting my opinion in red. When done, I plan to send you the entire book. Needles or not, I have to agree with Walter that some prices in the 1st book were too low when published, but, that's neither here nor there. Harley is sending you a color print of my Florida note. I have the last Pine Tree sale, and the H/R sale, and am using some of those prices as guides. Pine Tree will have another sale soon, and we'll have more info to go on. But, finding the time to work on it is next to impossible. After the convention I returned to a load of backlogged mail. Most of it is still undone, as we went on vacation for a week, and now another week's backlogged mail on top of it. Also, am in the midst of cataloguing a big sale of colonial coins for Stacks, which must be done now. It's a rush job, and will probably not be too good because of that, but, there will be some important coins, and it's a shame that there is no time to do a lot of background work on them. What can you tell me about the Rickett's Circus Token???

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S Did you order Rosen Books for me? 10-12 ?

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9/8/74

Dear Eric:

How about an expert opinion in a hurry. This doesn't belong to me, but was sent for authentication. Ordinarily, if it had been offered to me over the counter at a convention, I would have bought it. But, having the opportunity to examine it leisurely, I suspect very strongly that it is a cast. Note the bubbles, and what appear to be die breaks on the obverse, where I've never seen die breaks before, and I've had the opportunity to compare it with a much later state of the dies. It also weighs somewhat light, I think 68 3/4 grains. It was supposed to have been in a collection for over 40 years. If this is bad, and I think so, it scares me. There really isn't a big rush, but, I am anxious about it, and so is the owner.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Could it be good & have been in a fair ??

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1652 P.T.S. Noel		1000	—		

(Copy)

9/10/74

Dear Dick:

I thank you for your nice letter. I believe it is best to send letters to my P.O. Box. There is much less risk of loss etc.

As to the pricing procedures I fully realize how much work it is. If you differ from Ben on prices whose shall I follow? I would like to accept yours if you do not think he would be hurt. You are using his prices as advisory to yours anyhow. If your book with prices reaches me by Nov 1 that is adequate time because I am going to take a vacation and am diligently making hundreds of changes and additions.

When you price the Continentals please price the blue detector notes by a comment or something. I am including John Law notes of 1719 & 1720. Do you feel you should price these. How about the small change notes of the 1790-96 period?

I will send you some pages before they are set in type but not those where changes are minor. I will appreciate any suggestions you care to make as to them. Joe has really gone overboard on getting signatures to be accurately spelled and placed.

Eric

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September 18, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

The Noe 1 Mass. Pine Tree with heavy die breaks is at hand and I have looked at it long and hard. This is a curious problem. I find it rings well and has no signs of being bad. Its color, wear, shape and weight are quite normal. Below the roots of the tree is XII upside down as is normal from clashing of dies. That is seen on other examples. The raised little lumps from the first S to the lower left hand and from the third right branch to the last S are along what looks like a die break. I realize this die break does not show up on more advanced stages of the reverse die break.

How could this happen? Perhaps the clashing caused damage to the obverse die field and it was used for a short while and then hammered out. Perhaps hot drops of silver were dripped across the coin or splashed on it. I do not believe there was a planchet defect or a restruck coin involved. Could a die pick up silver flakes from a previous strike, or accident or being too hot and deposit the silver on the next coin when being struck.

I am not suspicious of its genuineness, only curious about how this happened. What do you think?

The coin is returned.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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9/21/74

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 10th. I've finally finished the Stack catalogue, and went to the Pine Tree sale where we have some new record prices set for colonial paper. Will take all of this into account, but will not use run-a-way prices like Ga 1777 $17. in VF-EF @ $1,000. (lot # 62). I assume that you have the catalogue. If not, let me know, and I'll get one for you. P/R in a few weeks. Hopefully, I'll be able to get back to work on the book in a week or so, after I clear up the backlogged mail. I don't know anything about the John Law notes, but, if they circulated here, I think that they should be in. I do think that the small change notes prior to 1800 should be in. Will be happy to see pages for review. The additions sound very interesting, and undoubtedly will help sell the book. By the way, I know that I told you about 'CORAM' being on the $90. note, but, just saw another specimen, and noticed 'N^{O} 11' on the scroll. What does that mean? Could it be the # of a set of engravings that he did, or copied from something else? What happened to the PTS I sent you? I'm anxious to know what it is? Also, this little blurb came out of a Seaby bulletin. Could it be the same T.C.? (please return).

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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9/23/74

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the letter, and for the return of the coin. I can't agree with you, and I guess that's what makes horse races. I studied this piece again along with two other known genuine specimens, one being in about the exact same die state, and the other much later, in fact the actual plate specimen on plate VI, letter h, which I own. Neither of these show any indication or even hint of the irregularities that you mention, nor the following, which you may have seen but didn't note:

1. Break (?) from between roots and 1st branch on rt almost to rim.
2. Bubbles in and around IN
3. Clash Marks (?) in and around IN, which doesn't match up with rev exactly. May have hammered die from hand
4. Break (?) through 2nd A
5. The edge does not show the sharpness of the other pieces, and in fact is very porous.
6. Irregularities in the 3 beads above final T.
7. A good deal of porosity in many areas of the surfaces. I only used a 10 power glass. I'm sure that you have stronger, and possibly a microscope. I'm pretty much convinced that it's a cast. I don't think that if the coin had been in a fire, all of these different irregularities could be the result, perhaps the bubbles, but certainly not the cracks. I can't see how molten metal would be near the dies when striking, nor

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can I envision such hot striking as to melt coins. If they were in fact die breaks that were repaired, there would be some indication of the repair in later stages. Of the two specimens with which I examined this, as I said one is much later, and the other is about the same state, and if anything, a wee bit later, and that specimen is superb, almost just as it fell from the dies. There would have to be some indication of at least some of the repairs. How could they repair clash marks at IN, and if they did, why didn't they repair the XII in the field, which would be easier? If you'd like me to send my specimens to compare, I'll be happy to do it, but, neither are for sale. By the way, in the one that is closest to this in die state, there is engraved within the V a tiny mark that I'll draw below, it could be a T or,H sideways. There is also a bite out of the planchet at the top (planchet defect). I've had it close to 10 yrs, and the original envelope looks like it came from NN, and there is a note in ink "called finest known by Wurtzbach". Could you pedigree it? It probably came from T. James Clarke, but, I'm sure that he wouldn't have marked it. Who, prior to him? By the way, when returning, please register for full value. Certified no longer covers me under my insurance. IF IT COVERS YOU - O.K.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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September 27, 1974

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Dear Dick:

I saw almost everything you pointed out. I still think it is heat that created the bubbles or a very heavy strike on a hot planchet. If a red hot planchet was used this could happen. But, I am not sure. I can't explain the "clashing" at N either.

I used 40 power and see nothing other than you saw.

A heavy hammered strike can cause a die to open whereas it would not open if normal striking pressure took place. Is this valid?

The clashing may have been a die dropped on the obverse. It may not have been the mate and I believe this XII is larger than the normal reverse XII.

The edge is terribly smooth and this bothers me. It does not look chisel cut.

Could the coin be struck over a brokage flan?

Flow lines move in all directions. Pimples could be the result of an eruption.

The strange configuration within the V on your coin may be TJC in ligature. It is not a T and not an H as you drew it. T. James Clark.

I am going away for a while. Keep up the good work. The coin is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

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10/4/74

Dear Eric:

By the time you get around to reading this you will have returned from vacation, and I hope that it was another wonderful one without complications, and that you're all ready to get back to numismatics, and a few shoes. Of course, the latter is secondary, and of least importance. The reason that I'm writing now is that these things are fresh in my mind. First, I still can't agree with you on the PTS. We've both ruled out overstrike. The only incusations are the normal one and the unknown ~~xxxx~~ one, and there is no other indication of undertype or other incusation, which would rule out brockage flan, since if it was a brockage flan, the reverse of this coin would have to show some indication of a well struck coin. When a brockage occurs, a properly struck coin is stuck in the dies, and another blank is inserted. Two thicknesses of metal would give a very sharp impression to the properly struck side of the brockage, and surely some vestige of it would be seen as the undertype on the reverse of this coin. The XII incusation that is normal is indeed a clashing from the Noe 1. On the specimen that I have, and even on the Noe plate specimen, there is also the incusation of the bottom of an O, close to the top of S between AS. This is in the exact same postion ~~x~~ in relation to the XII incusation, and the same distance from the base of the tip of the 2nd I, as it is on the reverse in relation to the XII and O in DOM. If I go along with you on the red hot planchet causing

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pimples (which I really don't, and how could they handle red hot planchets hand feeding them into the dies), there is no way to explain the break from the 3rd branch of the tree, and through the S, other than a crack in the cast form. Also, an imperfect impression inx the cast form could cause the extra incusation. The edge is certainly suspicious to say the least, and when you get down to brass tacks, I'm sure that you're not happy with your own explanation of the bubbles. I have to see JJF tomorrow AM, so will get his opinion also, and add it to this letter. On the Virginia Guaranteed note, you mention hand dating as late as 10/9/81, but, you do not mention the significance of that date. Is it the actual date of issue or release? Whatever the reason, it should be in the book. Also, the one that I recently examined has the watermark CONFEDE/RATION. Frankly, I've never kept track of the notes that have this watermark and the ones that have UNITED/STATES. Are they all interchangeable? The $90 Coram note with clear No 11 is going to be in a mail auction by NN. Charlie will send it for inspection if you wish. I examined Joe's note and his looks more like No 1, but there is a vestige of the 2nd 1. There's a town named 'Coram' in Suffolk Co. here on the island, and I thought I had a lead there, but it seems that the town already had its name in 1695, and though no info on origin of the name, it was speculated that it might have been named after an Indian Chief of that name, or the latin meaning in the presence of or face to face. I should have further info on the one or two Thomas Corams in a few days. After all, why couldn't a man engrave plates 30 years after he founded a hospital in a different country? More later.

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 10/11/74

Saw JJF on Tuesday. He was on the fence about it, but, in the final analysis when I asked him if he had to bet $1,000. on it either way, which way would he bet, he said bad. He felt that some of the suspicious areas could have been caused by the coin having been in a fire, but, not all of them. He feels that X-Ray difraction will give a conclusive answer, so I'm having Harvey Stack send it to the Boston Museum along with my coin as a control. Of course, this may take a month or more, but, I'll let you know the result. Regarding Coram, I had our local library dig up what they can. I can't find the notes now, but they were two different people, and probably not related, though both appear to have been British. Could the plates for those notes have been engraved in England? Stacks is having a good sale of Colonials, as well as Pioneer gold. I took the liberty of telling them to be sure that you get the catalogues, and to put you on the regular mailing list in the event that you aren't already there. I also did the same with Pine Tree, who is going to have that big sale of Conns in Feb (see Col. NL. It's a combination of the best of Craige and Bryant. Bowers bought both collections, and put this together, and then sold it to them), and some good Col. paper in May. If we could only have a P.O. strike for about 2-3 weeks, I could get caught up, and work on the book. More later.

10/21/74

NO MORE -
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Dick

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11/4/74

Dear Eric:

These, I'm sure are only fiscal papers, but, thought that you should see them, just in the event that you're not aware of them. Also, when I spoke to you, I forgot to tell you that I discovered a new Fugio reverse die, with obverse 12. By this time, you should have a print of it from Jim Spilman. To date, the Revere books have not arrived. Stacks and Charlie Wormser told me that catalogues are in the mail to you. C/W's is a mail sale, but, if you need anything in the Stack sale, and can't attend, I'll be happy to represent you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

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11/18/74

Dear Eric:

Just a quick note. The $90. SC note has a definite No 11. See NN cat lot 180, page 16. The shading lines come after it. If the numerals actually are shading lines, what is the No doing there in the 1st place. I think that it must refer to a series of engravings that Coram did. Just got the results of the Boston sale, but, don't think that I'll use any of the prices. They're just too wild. What do you think? I've decided that it's useless for me to wait until I get caught up on all my backlogged work to start on the book. What I'm going to do, starting today, is to work in the office until about 3PM, and then devote the balance of the day to the book. In that way, I should get it done in short order. You should be receiving prints of new Fugio reverse any day now, if you don't already have them. If you don't want to name it, I think that I'll suggest to Spilman that we use the earliest letter sequence available. Don't know where my Boston ANA cat is at the moment, but, I feel certain that $800. was for real on the 1786 SC note. As a matter of fact, I may have been the purchaser for a client, but, even if not, that's a cheap price on today's market.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Dear Eric:

Just finished marching through Georgia, and have entered Maryland. Will get some more done tomorrow. Meanwhile, are these two genuine? The 30 seems to match the meagre description of the ctf, but the sigs look awfully good. Did they have different plates for the different due dates? That might account for slight differences in letter placement. Some time ago, you asked me for a Crosby reprint. When I told you that the only ones that I had were the Tams reprints of 1965, you weren't sure as to whether or not you needed it. Please let me know, as I'm down to 3 Crosbys (one of those is aside for you if you want it), and when those are gone, I'll be out of them altogether. No body I know has any to re-supply me.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Enclosed ~~xxxxxxx~~ is enlarged photo of new Fugio reverse. Please return after you've studied it, no rush. He marked off certain doubling in the rings on one print.

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	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	NH 11/3/75 30 Shill due 1780	3082	8014	300		
	" " 40 " " 1782	758	8014	350		

December 11, 1974

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

I would very much like to have an evaluation of the 1776 Continental Dollar in pewter, Variety 1-C in uncirculated condition and an evaluation of Variety 2-C in uncirculated condition. While you have seen these pieces previously, I will be glad to show them to you again.

I certainly appreciate your cooperation in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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